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Integrated Cold Chain Projects
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Will the Minister of FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES be pleased to state:

(a) the objectives of integrated cold chain project/programme;
(b) the works carried out under the said project/programme during the last three years, State-wise; and

(c) the extent to which the said objectives have been achieved as a result of the said work?

Answer

(a): The objective of the scheme for Integrated Cold Chain and Value Addition Infrastructure of Ministry of Food Processing Industries is to provide integrated cold chain, preservation and value addition infrastructure facilities without any break, from the farm gate to the consumer in order to reduce post-harvest losses of horticulture and non-horticulture agri-produce. This will enable linking groups of producers to processors and market through a well-equipped supply chain and cold chain, thereby ensuring remunerative prices to farmers and year-round availability of food products to consumers.

(b) & (c): Ministry of Food Processing Industries is implementing the Central Sector Scheme for Integrated Cold Chain and Value Addition Infrastructure, wherein financial assistance in the form of grant-in-aid upto maximum of Rs. 10 crore per project is provided for setting up the cold chain infrastructure in the country.

The Ministry of Food Processing Industries is presently assisting 135 integrated cold chain projects. Of this, 97 have already been achieved completion and commenced commercial operation. Operationalization of 135 cold chain projects envisages creation of a cold chain capacity of 5.01 lakh MT of Cold Storage/Controlled Atmosphere/Deep Freezer, 116.40 MT/Hr of Individual Quick Freeze, 52.65 lakh Litre Per Day of Milk Processing/Storage and 766 nos. of Reefer Vehicles. Out of this, Ministry has so far created a capacity of 3.70 lakh metric tonnes of cold storage, 95.04 metric tonnes per hour of Individual Quick Freezing (IQF), 37.96 lakh litres per day of Milk processing/ storage and 552 reefer vans.

State-wise details of Cold Chain Projects sanctioned by Ministry of Food Processing Industries during the last three years and current year are at Annexure-I.
Government has further approved taking up 100 new integrated cold chain projects in 2016-17 for financial assistance. Accordingly, revised operational guidelines for scheme for Integrated Cold Chain and Value Addition Infrastructure for taking up 100 new cold chain projects in 2016-17 have been issued on 29.08.2016. Based on the revised operational guidelines an Expression of Interest (EOI) was issued on 31.08.2016 inviting applications/proposals from prospective entrepreneurs for taking up 100 new integrated cold chain projects. Total 308 integrated cold chain proposals all over the country have been received against the Expression of Interest (EOI).